

**Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield**  
*Loved as you are*



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**Palm Sunday**



**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM**

*Everyone is welcome to St Margaret's. In this service of the Eucharist we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and his self-giving for the sins of the whole world. As the bread and wine are offered, symbols of that self-giving, so we offer ourselves to God and receive at communion the life of Christ. So nourished, we are enabled to go out into the world to live in the service of God.*

*Please stand to sing*

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;**  
**Thy humble beast pursues his road**  
**With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**In lowly pomp ride on to die;**  
**O Christ, thy triumphs now begin**  
**O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**The wingéd squadrons of the sky**  
**Look down with sad and wondering eyes**  
**To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;**  
**The Father on his sapphire throne,**  
**Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

*Words: Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868, Music: from 'Musikalisches Hanbuch' 1690*

## **MEDITATION**

Let us pray.

**Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves and our neighbours; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words, 'Let us pray.'  
The Collect is said, and all respond, **Amen.***

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit*

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response



*Cantor*

*Have mercy on me. O Lord, for I am in trouble;*

*My eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.*

*For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;*

*My strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.*

*For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;*

*They put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life*

*But as for me, I trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God.*

*My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,*

*And from those who persecute me. Let your face shine upon your servant*

*Save me in your steadfast love.'*

## Second Reading

*Philippians 2:5-11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Please remain seated for the Passion Reading:***

## ***The Passion Reading***

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every name.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

*At the end:*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

**No response is made.**

*There will be a time of silence.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



*At the end of the prayers*

Holy God,

**holy and strong,**

**holy and immortal,**

**have mercy upon us.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please stand*

### The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

## **The Presentation of the Gifts**

**During the Offertory hymn the bread and wine and the collection are brought to the altar and the altar is prepared.**

**O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God,  
Should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**He sent no angel to our race  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame  
Himself, and to this lost world came.**

**For us he was baptised and bore  
His holy fast, and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew,  
For us the tempter overthrew.**

**For us to wicked powers betrayed,  
Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death,  
For us at length gave up his breath.**

**For us he rose from death again,  
For us he went to high to reign,  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen and to cheer.**

**To him whose boundless love has won  
Salvation for us through his Son,  
To God the Father glory be,  
Both now and through eternity.**

*Words: Benjamin Webb 1819-1885 from St Thomas à Kempis 1379-1471,*

*Music: from 'Cantional' 1645 by Johann Hermann Schein 1586-1630,*

*Harm: Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

*At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts please respond*

**Blessed be God forever**

*Please sit or stand*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and at the end we sing*

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord,  
5  
God of power and God of might.

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might.**  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest.*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might.**

*The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the elevation the priest says, 'Great is the mystery of Faith'*

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ri - sing you re -  
 5 stored our life: Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

*The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where we respond*

A - men, A - men. A - men.  
 6 A - men. A - - - - - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come.  
 Your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
 now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread*

**We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
 Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one  
 bread.**

6 Lamb of God, you take a - way the\_

11 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

16 God, you take a - way the\_ sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

20 Lamb of God, you take a - way the\_

sins of the world. Grant us peace.

### ***The Giving of Communion***

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his Blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.*

### **During the distribution of Communion**

Recit de Tierce, No XIII from Messe Pour les Convents.

*François Couperin 1668-1733*

### **Reflection**

### **Adoramus Te, Domine**

*Words: Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994*



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### BANNS

### NOTICES

### THE DISMISSAL

*Please stand*

The priest gives the blessing  
**Amen.**

We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love,  
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn

**My God, how wonderful you are,  
Your majesty how bright,  
How beautiful your mercy-seat  
In depths of burning light!**

**Creator from eternal years  
And everlasting Lord,  
By holy angels day and night  
Unceasingly adored!**

**How wonderful, how beautiful  
The sight of you must be,  
Your endless wisdom, boundless power,  
And awesome purity!**

**O how I fear you, living God,  
With deepest, tenderest fears,  
And worship you with trembling hope  
And penitential tears!**

**But I may love you, too, O Lord,  
Though you are all-divine,  
For you have stooped to ask of me  
This feeble love of mine.**

**Father of Jesus, love's rewards,  
Great King upon your throne,  
What joy to see you as you are  
And know as I am known.**

*Words: Frederick W Faber 1814-1863, Music: James Turle 1802-1882*

## **Postlude**

**Grand Plein Jeu, from Suite Du Premier Ton,**

*Louis Nicholas Clérambault 1676-1749*

*Louis Nicholas Clérambault was organist at several Paris churches and at Saint-Cyr and held the post of music superintendent to Mme de Maintenon. He composed several cantatas the subjects of which were drawn from classicism. His organ music ranks as some of the best organ music of his era. In 1710 he published a Livre d'Orgue containing two suites (Suite du premier ton et Suite du deuxième ton) in the style of the French organ school, which at that time, identifies the Plein Jeu as the choir of principals (including mixtures), and the Grand Jeu as a combination of labial and lingual stops.*

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**Holy Week Services  
at St Margaret's Church**

Monday 25th March – Compline 7pm

Tuesday 26th March – Compline 7 pm

Wednesday 27th March – Compline 7 pm

28th March – Maundy Thursday service  
with foot washing and Watch 7 pm

29th March - Good Friday service 2 pm

**Notices**

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Easter Day*

**Easter Vigil (9.20 am)**  
**Parish Communion (10.00 am)**  
**and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)**

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